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Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)**  
Inventors: Darren NEUMAN *et al.*  
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
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	AB1	5,912,972	06/1999	Barton			
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